

gun violence and supporters of gun reform to hold our own sit-in, in Carl Schurz Park, protesting the fact that this Congress has not acted on sensible gun violence reform. No more moments of silence. We want action on the floor to protect our people.

We heard from many victims like Kim Russell. Her life was spared, but her friend was murdered when robbers broke into their home. She lives in fear that the attacker will get his hands on another gun and kill other people.

We need to answer to Kim and to the families of the 49 gunned down in Orlando and to the thousands of other victims of gun violence and the hundreds of other victims that are outside today on the steps of the Capitol urging us to vote, urging us to act.

Have a vote. If you want to vote against it, fine, but let's have a vote on two sensible bills: no fly, no buy, and comprehensive background checks. Let's protect our people. Let's act on sensible gun protection.

COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH LEGISLATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it has been over 2 years since my colleague from Pennsylvania, Mr. TIM MURPHY, first introduced this comprehensive mental health bill. And every day since then, the country watched as Representative MURPHY, a clinical psychologist, continued his uphill battle to overhauling our frequently and significantly broken mental health system.

Slowly but surely, strides were made. Not only did his message resonate here in Congress, but it brought a lot of hope to many suffering around the country with this illness.

It is no surprise to anyone here today that we have a mental health crisis in this country. Yet, the chaotic system that exists today, while may be well-intended, is the exact reason why so many individuals are left to fend for themselves, many times finding themselves in prison, homeless, or hospitalized.

The system is broken, but this bill gives us the option to change that. By replacing the duplicative and ineffective programs with evidence-based care, reforming outdated privacy laws, enhancing coordination with oversight from actual experts in psychology, and increasing access to psychiatric resources, we can provide hope to those suffering that help is on the way for them.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this extremely important bill, H.R. 2646, and thank Congressman MURPHY for his diligence and for sticking to it.

TERRORIST LOOPHOLE/UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

(Miss RICE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Miss RICE of New York. Mr. Speaker, before I was elected to Congress, I was a prosecutor for more than two decades, and I am thinking today of all the times I have sat with devastated mothers and fathers whose sons and daughters had just been taken from them.

I think about how small our debates must seem to them, how insulted they must be when they hear Members of Congress suggest that there is simply nothing we could have done to prevent their child's murder.

There are meaningful actions we can take today. We can require background checks for all commercial gun sales in America. And when the FBI and the Attorney General have reason to believe that someone is engaged in terrorist activity, we can give them the authority to prohibit that person from buying a gun. That is common sense. These two actions will save lives and will not in any way restrict the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding American citizens.

While I appreciate that the Speaker may allow at least one vote on a bill related to gun violence this week, it is not a meaningful bill. It allows the government to prohibit the sale of a gun to a suspected terrorist only if they can show probable cause that the person is engaged in terrorist activity with a 72-hour deadline.

Victims of gun violence deserve more than that. Their families and friends deserve more than that. The American people deserve and demand more than that.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EDNA YODER

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a very special moment, to recognize a wonderful woman, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, someone who has been one of the most important role models in my life, my grandmother, Edna Yoder.

Last week, Edna marked the milestone of her 105th birthday, and we gathered as a family to celebrate her. The Lord has blessed her with great health and good spirits, and I cannot be more thankful for her and proud to have her as part of my family.

She is a sweet, caring, and loving woman who values the important things in life: her faith in God and her family. She is a true example of what makes America such a strong and vibrant Nation.

Born in 1911, as one of 14 children, she spent her life on the farm working tirelessly, milking cows at dawn and bring-

ing in the wheat harvest in the hot Kansas sun. She has seen hard times and good times, lived through 18 different Presidential administrations, 22 different Speakers of the House, with a front seat to the great American century.

Today, Grandma, on behalf of the United States Congress, I wish you a belated happy 105th birthday and many more to come. I love you.

UNDOCUMENTED TEXAS VALEDICTORIANS

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mayte Ibarra and Larissa Martinez, two undocumented valedictorians from Texas, for their academic achievement and bravery amid the anti-immigrant rhetoric that was wielded their way.

Mayte and Larissa's educational excellence is living proof of the American Dream. No matter what your immigration status may be, if you work hard and dream, anything is possible. Their determination and academic success, despite the personal obstacles that were in front of them, helped get them into the University of Texas and Yale.

Larissa's valedictorian speech reminds us of how important immigration reform is. I want to read you a quote. "The most important part of the immigration debate and the part most often overlooked is the fact that immigrants, undocumented or otherwise, are people too. They are people with dreams, aspirations, hopes, and loved ones."

We should all take this message to heart, Mr. Speaker, no matter what your political background may be. We can no longer ignore the anti-immigrant rhetoric that we hear today. Instead, let's praise Larissa and Mayte's academic success and work to remove barriers to prevent any hardworking student from achieving the American Dream.

IN HONOR OF CORA WILSON, STOP THE VIOLENCE

(Ms. SEWELL of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Cora Wilson, let's stop the violence. I rise today to tell the story of Cora Wilson, a 34-year-old mother from Birmingham, Alabama, who was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend in front of her eight children on May 12, 2016.

Like many women who suffer from domestic violence, Cora Wilson endured abuse for too long. On a Wednesday night in May of 2016, her abuser ignored the restraining order and showed up at the house, where he killed Ms. Wilson and shot four of her children.

I cannot mourn this tragedy with my community without doing all that I

can to prevent such events from happening in the future. Congress must act now.

The intersection between domestic violence and gun safety is paramount. While I am a supporter of the Second Amendment, the rights protected in the Second Amendment are not immune from government regulation. In fact, Congress has repeatedly failed to pass commonsense gun safety reform.

Make no mistake, strengthening the background checks, eliminating gun show loopholes, and preventing potential terrorists will not limit the rights of lawful gun owners to protect and defend themselves.

The rising tide of gun violence in our communities must stop. In memory of Cora Wilson and the thousands of other domestic violence senseless deaths, let's act now.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

(Mr. FOSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against congressional inaction on gun violence.

I represent the 11th District of Illinois, which includes the great cities of Aurora and Joliet. And I am also the only Ph.D. scientist in Congress. As a scientist, I always look at the facts, and the facts are crystal clear that gun violence is a public health crisis and Congress needs to do more to keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them.

It is not just the mass shootings that we read about on national news. In the cities in my district, gun violence of all kinds is an issue that we struggle with every day. Leading medical groups have taken note of the effects of gun violence on our communities and have called for change.

Just this month, the American Medical Association called gun violence a public health crisis. When the foremost medical group in our country calls for action, it is time for Congress to listen. But Congress will not even allow the Centers for Disease Control to study the causes of gun violence and its effects on our communities.

We need a rational and effective approach to gun violence for the sake of our communities and the safety of the American people.

GUN OWNERSHIP IS NOT AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, our laws allow law-abiding citizens the right to possess guns. But why should that right allow those who are reasonably suspected of terrorist activity to purchase weapons of mass destruction?

Gun ownership is not an absolute right. Some weapons should be banned,

and some people should not be allowed to buy guns.

Specifically, let's start today with the proposition that if you are on the terrorist watch list, you should be placed on the gun no buy list. Yes, if you are on the terrorist watch list, you should not be able to buy a gun.

Why defend people who are reasonably, reasonably, reasonably suspected by the FBI to be terrorists or terrorist sympathizers?

H.R. 5611 fails to value the safety, security, and the lives of the American people. It is simple. We must vote on legislation that truly says, no fly, no buy.

Speaker RYAN, bring up the King-Thompson bill, H.R. 1076, to assure that those individuals on the terrorist no-fly list should not be able to buy guns.

Speaker RYAN, protect the American people.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Armed Services:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: I will be taking a leave of absence from the House Committee on Armed Services (HASC) since I have been selected to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. As a representative of San Antonio, TX, Military City USA, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve on this committee.

During my time with HASC, I have worked with my colleagues to meet the needs of our men and women in uniform and provide the Department of Defense with the capability required to meet the security challenges of the 21st century.

The federal government's most important responsibility is ensuring the safety of the American people. I look forward to continuing my efforts in Congress to protect our nation and its people.

Sincerely,

JOAQUIN CASTRO,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, without objection, the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1)(D) of rule X, of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. CASTRO, Texas.

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4361, FEDERAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS SAFEGUARDS ACT OF 2016, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 803 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 803

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4361) to amend section 3554 of title 44, United States Code, to provide for enhanced security of Federal information systems, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114-59. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 7, 2016, or July 8, 2016, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, relating to a measure addressing the Federal Aviation Administration.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.